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FOLLOWING REPEAT JERUASLEM 1794 ACTION SECSTATE INFO AMMAN
BEIRUT DAMASCUS CAIRO TEL AVIV USUN NEW YORK DATED JUL 01:

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FROM AMBASSADOR LEWIS

EO 11652 GDS
TAGS: PLO, MOPS, IS, LE
SUBJ: ISRAELI PRISONER HELD BY PLO

1. DURING MY JUNE 29 CALL ON WEIZMAN, HE ASKED FOR
OUR ASSISTANCE IN GAINING RELEASE OF THE ISRAELI
SOLDIER WHO WAS CAPTURED BY THE PLO IN SOUTH
LEBANON DURING THE LITANI OPERATION AND
IS NOW HELD SOMEWHERE IN SOUTH LEBANON BY THE
PALESTINIANS. SUBJECT CAME UP DURING DISCUSSIONS
WHICH FOCUSED ON US DESIRES THAT THE GOI ALLOW
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EARLIER ACCESS BY THE ICRC TO ARAB PRISONERS IN THE
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. WEIZMAN WONDERED WHETHER
ICRC ENTHUSIASM FOR THE WELFARE OF PRISONERS EXTENDED
TO ISRAELS AS WELL AS ARABS, AND ESPECIALLY TO THE
"POOR BASTARD" NOW BEING HELD IN LEBANON.

2. I WILL BE SEEING WEIZMAN NEXT WEEK ON ANOTHER

MATTER AND BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF
I COULD GIVE HIM SOME WORD OF OUR EFFORTS TO HELP.
HE WILL BE A MAJOR INTERLOCUTOR ON HUMAN
RIGHTS ISSUES IN THE FUTURE, AND RESPONSIVE
REACTION BY THE U.S. ON THIS MATTER WOULD GO SOME
WAY IN CONVINCING WEIZMAN THAT WASHINGTON IS NOT
TRAVELING ON A ONE-WAY STREET WITH REGARD TO HUMAN RIGHTS.
THE MORE DETAILED OUR EXPOSITION TO WEIZMAN, THE BETTER.
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